

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2004.

By this Amendment, the specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Support for the amendments can be found variously throughout the specification, see, for example, page 7, lines 19 and 35, page 8, lines 12-13 and Example 1-3 of the specification.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

However, in the interest of expediting prosecution of the present application, Applicant has amended the specification to clarify the disclosure. Specifically, the formula “-(CH₂CH₂O)₂CH-CH₂-” has been amended to “-(CH₂CH₂O)₂CH₂-CH₂-” to eliminate the dangling valence and clarify that hydrogen is bonded to the fourth valence of the –CH- substituent. Also, the reactant “sodium tetrafluoride” in Example 4 (page 8, line 26) has been corrected to “sodium polysulfide (Na₂S₄)” to be consistent with that which is set forth in Examples 1-3 of the specification. As such, the source of the sulfide linkage has been clarified.

Thus, in view of the amendments to the specification, this rejection can no longer be sustained and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are believed to be clearly patentable over the outstanding rejections. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the claims in light of the above remarks is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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